FACTS ABOUT JOHN KAPLAN

- Chief Law Clerk to Justice Tom Clark, who's son Ramsey was Attorney General while Ray was being prosecuted, and who officially proclaimed that there was no conspiracy to kill Martin Luther King.

- Lawyer with the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice (which Weisberg successfully sued to obtain evidence in the Ray case which had been illegally suppressed).

- Assistant United States Attorney - San Francisco

- 1965 - Wrote "The Trial of Jack Ruby" which praised the Prosecution and the Dallas Police, and maintained that Ruby did not receive a fair trial because his lawyers improperly conducted his defense.

- Spring, 1967 - Wrote "The Assassins" for the American Scholar. In this article Kaplan attacked all of the critics of the Warren Report and firmly backed the conclusions of the Warren Commission. He criticized The New York Times and Life Magazine for " adding to the confusion " by calling for a new investigation in their editorials. His comments on "Whitewash" were: " the most strident, bitter, and generally irrationally biased of all the attacks on the Commission." Kaplan cited no examples, saying it was " charity " not to.

- May, 1971 - Wrote 2500 word, two-part article for the Press and Publication Service of the United States Information Agency (official propaganda) entitled: " The Case of Angela Davis: The Processes of American Justice. " The introduction presents Kaplan as an expert on evidence and Criminal Law, omitting all references to his Justice Department background. About the shootings, "somebody" fired the first shot (the unmentioned somebody being the police). Racism in the case is "implicit" only because " all the kidnappers had been black, and all the hostages white. " The general feeling by Kaplan as a supposedly objective scholar is that the Government will be able to build a strong First Degree case against Angela Davis if they can persuade the Jury to make the proper inferences from the evidence.

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